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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The stand~~ An apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 1, further for a surgical microscope comprising:

a column (2);

a pivot arm(3);

a rotary bearing (4) mounting the pivot arm on the column for rotation about a substantially vertical rotation axis (5);

a tilting device (6) for tilting the rotation axis relative to the column, the tilting device (6) including a bearing shaft (8) supported by the column and defining a substantially horizontal tilting axis, and an adjustment housing (7) mounted on the bearing shaft (8) for rotation about said tilting axis; and

a trunnion (9) fixed to said adjustment housing (7).

3. (Currently amended) ~~The stand~~ apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 2, wherein the adjustment housing (7) is arranged in the column (2).

4. (Currently amended) ~~The stand~~ An apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 3, for a surgical microscope comprising:

a column (2);

a pivot arm (3);

a rotary bearing (4) mounting the pivot arm on the column for rotation about a substantially vertical rotation axis (5);

a tilting device (6) for tilting the rotation axis relative to the column, the tilting

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device (6) including a bearing shaft (8) supported by the column and defining a substantially horizontal tilting axis, and an adjustment housing (7) mounted on the bearing shaft (8) for rotation about said tilting axis;

wherein the adjustment housing (7) is arranged in the column (2); and

wherein the tilting device (6) further includes two adjusting screws (10a; 10b) arranged opposite one another and associated with the adjustment housing (7).

5. (Currently amended) The ~~stand~~ apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 4, wherein the adjusting screws (10a; 10b) extend parallel to the rotation axis (5).

6. (Currently amended) The ~~stand~~ apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 4, wherein the ~~a~~ trunnion (9) is guided between the two adjusting screws (10a; 10b).

7. (Currently amended) The ~~stand~~ apparatus (1) as defined in Claim 5, wherein the ~~a~~ trunnion (9) is guided between the two adjusting screws (10a; 10b).

Claims 8 - 11 (Canceled).